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Field Crops

Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair to good. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as follows: poor 8 percent, fair 22 percent, good 42 percent, and excellent 28 percent. Cotton planted percentage was reported as follows: this week 85, last week 75, a year ago 90, and the five year average 86.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped carrots and potatoes. Citrus produce was also shipped. Western Arizona shipped seeded and seedless watermelons.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending May 14. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Paloma to 11 degrees above normal at Prescott and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 105 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 26 degrees. No precipitation was reported at any of the 22 reporting stations. All of the reporting stations are at below normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

During April, Arizona's rangeland and pastures remained very dry due to lack of moisture. The entire State is very dry. Grazing condition was very poor to fair depending on location. High elevation pastures were in mostly fair condition. Mid elevation and low elevation pasture conditions were very poor to poor. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly poor to fair condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies were mostly short. Insect damage was light.

In Arizona's Northern region, overall grazing condition was poor to fair. Conditions at high elevation and mid elevation were poor to fair. Low elevation condition was very poor to poor depending on location. Cattle and calves were in poor to fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture were short throughout the region. Insect damage was light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition ranged from very poor to fair depending on location. Conditions at high elevation were very poor to fair. Mid elevations were poor to fair. Low elevation pastures ranged from very poor to mostly condition. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was light.

In the South, rangeland and pastures were mostly in very poor to fair condition. Condition varied from fair to good at high elevations. Mid elevation condition ranged from very poor to fair depending on location. Lower elevation range and pasture condition was mostly very poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in mostly poor to fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture supplies were mostly short. Insect damage was light.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
May 8 - May 14, 2006

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	77	7	99	54	0.00	0.29	-3.64
Buckeye	79	4	102	55	0.00	1.09	-1.44
Canyon De Chelly	63	5	92	36	0.00	1.36	-1.50
Coolidge	76	3	102	51	0.00	2.37	-0.81
Douglas	72	7	96	50	0.00	0.19	-1.81
Flagstaff	55	7	79	31	0.00	3.44	-5.16
Grand Canyon	54	10	82	26	0.00	2.45	-6.14
Kingman	74	10	94	52	0.00	1.13	-2.48
Marana	79	7	103	55	0.00	1.15	-2.59
Maricopa	81	6	103	58	0.00	2.44	-0.40
Paloma	77	2	100	52	0.00	0.88	-1.89
Parker	80	4	103	58	0.00	0.26	-1.82
Payson	64	6	87	42	0.00	1.48	-6.17
Phoenix	85	9	101	69	0.00	1.57	-0.96
Prescott	66	11	87	47	0.00	1.65	-4.33
Roll	80	4	105	56	0.00	0.33	-0.63
Safford	73	6	97	51	0.00	0.81	-1.39
St. Johns	68	10	92	42	0.00	1.28	-1.53
Tucson	79	8	99	60	0.00	0.41	-2.32
Willcox	74	11	97	48	0.00	0.22	-2.40
Winslow	67	7	94	38	0.00	0.29	-1.63
Yuma	79	4	102	59	0.00	0.36	-0.69

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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